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Mr. L. H. LaMotte, Vice President
International Business Machines Corp.
1111 Connecticut Avenue NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. LaMotte:

On 22 January this agency placed with IBM an order for the delivery of certain items of your equipment. The order was signed by [redacted] Chief, Supply Division, of this agency.

I have been informed that, due to an excessive demand for the type of equipment ordered, there is considerable doubt as to delivery to this agency on the dates indicated in the order.

Essential portions of the operations of this agency have been based on the utilization of IBM equipment. We considered this sufficiently important to provide special security clearances for certain of your representatives to come into the agency and assist us in developing certain systems based on the utilization of your machines. Speed of reproduction and dissemination of intelligence is the heart of our operation, and only by using appropriate machine equipment for certain operational phases can we meet the great responsibilities placed upon us by Congress and the National Security Council in the interests of national security.

We have carefully considered our requirements and have used every precaution to avoid requesting equipment in excess of our actual requirements. In view of our mission, I would greatly appreciate your personal assistance in insuring the delivery of the equipment on the dates specified in our order.

Sincerely,

Syd. + d. 24 Feb. '48

R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Signer's copy

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